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TO : Director, Office of Patent Publication  
FROM : Office of the Deputy Commissioner  
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SUBJECT : Withdrawal from Issue of **Application No. 09/981,312**  
  
Applicant(s) : Mitchell A. Avery  
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The above-identified application has been assigned Patent No. 6,949,657 and an issue date of September 27, 2005.

It is hereby directed that this application be withdrawn from issue at the request of the applicant. Do not refund the issue fee.

The following erratum should be published in the Official Gazette if the above-identified application is published in the OG of September 27, 2005:

**"All reference to Patent No. 6,949,657 to Mitchell A. Avery of Mississippi for SYNTHESIS OF EPOTHILONES AND RELATED ANALOGS appearing in the Official Gazette of September 27, 2005 should be deleted since no patent was granted."**

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